

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 8, 2016

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7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. read the following statement and led the flag salute.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 6, 2016 AND IN THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 13, 2016, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Edward Hagaman, Christopher Silva, John Walther, Mayor Brown

Absent: Larry Riffle

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Elwood Fire Company Presentation: Chief Anthony Tomasco and Jerry Critelli, Chief of Fire Affairs, gave the following presentation. Elwood Fire Company by donation (tank and transportation) acquired a 15,000 fiberglass tank to be placed underground to hold water, cost of the tank if we were to purchase is \$15,000.00. The goal is to utilize this tank as a supplement to the well at Town Hall and to place this at the Recreation Complex, which is a staging and command area for the Forest Fire Service in the event of a large forest fire. A plan was submitted indicating the placement of the 12' X 30' tank, location is on soccer lane close to the existing irrigation pump. This tank will be able to handle five tankers and will establish another water supply and benefit the municipality. The tank will be re-filled during the emergency by the pump at the recreation and after it will be replenished by tankers. It was indicated they are looking for help and support from the Governing Body in regards to any permits and support as well of the Recreation Association. Mayor Brown expressed his concern with the integrity of the roads and stated he will research with the Township Engineer. Mr. Hagaman expressed his concern with the proximity of the playing fields. Mr. Walther asked if the tank could be located at the Transfer Station. It was stated there are no wells at the Transfer Station.

2016 Budget Introduction: Mayor explained this budget has a 2.5 cent increase, revenue is behind approximately \$70,000 from 2015, appropriations are just about the same and services remain the same as well. Mr. Silva expressed his concern with increasing the surplus. Mayor stated it is up about \$25,000.00. Mr. Hagaman commended Committee for a great job. Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

2016 Municipal Budget of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic for the fiscal year 2016

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for April 8th at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Hearing: Ordinance #3-2016 / Salary Ordinance. Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Silva.

An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey for the Year 2016.

Mayor Brown opened to the public; no public comment. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Silva.

Hearing: Ordinance #4-2016 /Accept Land / Block 4109, Lot 1. Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Land Designated Block 4109, Lot 1; on the Tax Map of the Township of Mullica, By the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey

Mayor Brown opened to the public; no public comment. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Committee Reports:

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported the following: For the month of February the Construction Department issued 19 permits which included one rebuilt and one new single family dwelling, roof mount solar systems, ground mount solar system, pole barn, and shed. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$9,122.00 in fees of which \$614.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 9 Zoning Permit, and 8 Maintenance Certificates, collected \$1,235.00 of which \$335.00 was collected for engineer grading site inspections, for new construction on lots under five (5) acres.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Silva reported the following: The Annual MTPD Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 19th at the Recreational Fields at 2 p.m., for ages 1-7, ran date is March 20th. Municipal Court collected \$26,210.06 for the month of February, 2016 and the municipality retained \$11,574.39.

Public Works: Mr. Walther reported the following: Public Works has been busy repairing pots holes, chipping, preparing fields for spring sports, pre-treated roads for last snow fall, serviced compactor motor and clearing of draining ditches on 7th& New Hampshire Avenues. Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, March 27th for Easter.

Department of Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: Free Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs will be held this Saturday, Mach 12th, 10am – 12 noon at the Municipal Garage. March 15th at 7pm Mullica in the Pines Historical Society will honor the Agricultural School at their meeting. They are looking for memorabilia from former students. Visit the museum on Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm. Mullica Recreation Association is accepting spring sports sign-ups on line at: <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/mtra>. Support Cedar Creek Crew by having dinner at Chipotle on March 21st from 4pm – 8pm. Nesco Volunteer Fire Company is holding a hoagie sale on Tuesday April 19th, pickup and delivery available, hoagies are \$6.00. Municipal offices will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016 for Good Friday.

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Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the Tax Sale is scheduled for April 6th for any unpaid 2015 property taxes.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Discuss Amendments to Chapter 102 / Construction Fees: Mr. Hagaman reported the fees have not been changed in quite some time and the amendments were based upon the recommendation of our Construction Official. Mayor moved to make the amendments to Chapter 102 seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All in favor.

Approve Bid Specifications / Indian Cabin Road: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve bid specifications; so moved by Mr. Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor stated during budget meetings Committee had discussed roads in need of repair. Mayor stated he met with the Township Engineer and is recommending improvements at the apron at 7th Avenue and Pleasant Mills; North and South Black Oak Drive; and 7th Avenue and Venice Avenue. Mayor entertained a motion to move forward with road improvements; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All in favor. Mayor stated Elm and Anderson drainage is being completed through the Community Development Block Grant Funding.

New Business:

Resolution #55- 016 / Approve Coin Drop Application / Nesco Vol. Fire Co. (5/29 & 10/16): Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve Coin Drop Application; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #56-2016 / Waive Construction Fees / Historical Society / Block1001, Lot 39: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to waive construction fees for the handicap ramp; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #57-2016 / Approving Contract / Professional Property Appraisers, Inc.: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve contract with Professional Property Appraisers, Inc.; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #58-2016 / Authorizing American Fidelity / Township FSA Provider: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to authorize American Fidelity as Township FSA Provider; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #59-2016 / Approve Superintendent Contract / 2016-2019: Mr. Silva stated he did not receive the contract to review. Committee to hold until after Executive Session.

Resolution #60-2016 / Approving Atlantic County Task Force/Teams: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve Atlantic County Task Force/Teams; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Walther, Mr. Silva, abstained on Captain Zeck, Mayor Brown.

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Resolution #61-2016 / Setting 2016 Salaries / Employees & Officials: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve setting 2016 salaries for certain employees and officials; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Walther, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Payment of Bills: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Silva RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion:

Ms. Barbara Sarraf, questioned the Committee on adjust-out-time that is received by Police Officers, she expressed her concerns with the accountability of it, noting it is a gentlemen's agreement between the Chief of Police and Officers. Mayor stated he was aware of compensatory time. Ms. Sarraf asked if the internal investigation in the Police Department was approved by the Governing Body. Mayor stated he cannot comment.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES5-2016 in full, to discuss, an update on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, update on COAH, contract negotiations, matters of personnel, potential litigation and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Silva moved to come back to Regular Session at 8:45 pm seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #59-2016 / Approve Superintendent Contract / 2016-2019: Mr. Silva moved to approve seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed received an update on an ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, update on COAH, update on contract negotiations with bargaining units and managerial employees, discussed matters of personnel, discussed potential litigation, reviewed the Atlantic County Prosecutors correspondence regarding an internal affairs investigation, discussed indemnification for the person conducting an on-going investigation, and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of February 23 2016. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to extend health benefits to Officer Carricarte, who tendered his resignation March 1, 2016, until June 1st or sooner based upon the Pension Board; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to have the Solicitor prepare the indemnification language regarding the on-going investigation; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Silva.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Silva so moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016 seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva (abstain from section he was not present), Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Rheault, Barbara	322.30	Snow Removal
Animal Capture & Control Svc.	598.00	February Services
Apple Printing Company, Inc.	165.00	Absence/OT Forms
Atl. Cnty. Assoc. of Twp. Officials	150.00	2016 Dues
Atl. Cnty. Mayor's Assoc.	350.00	2016 Dues
Atlanticare Regional Medical	90.00	CPR Training - PD
Atlantic City Electric	2,027.66	February Services
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply	7.84	Quick Links
C.A.M. Co.	90.00	Salt Spreader Repair
Casa Payroll Services	258.60	February 2016 Services
Crescent Service, LLC	219.00	Tires
Dimeglio Septic, Inc.	65.00	January 2016 Services
Enforsys Police Systems, Inc.	3,110.00	2016 Maintenance Agreement
John H. Abbot, Inc.	48.00	Split Rails
GFOA of NJ	90.00	2016 Dues - Stollenwerk
Grainger Industrial Supply	302.59	PW Supplies
IACP	150.00	2016 Dues
Municipal Record Service	419.00	Bail Forms
Video Pipe Services, Inc.	4,860.00	Inlet Cleaning
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	5,000.00	Jan/Feb Retainer
Verizon Wireless	271.73	February Services
South Jersey Gas Company	1,217.83	February Service
United Healthcare Insurance Co.	21.14	March Premium
Staples Advantage	261.51	Office Supplies
Swift, James P.	666.66	Jan/Feb 2016 Services
Petroleum Traders	1,263.01	1 st Quarter 2016 Purchases
Groff Tractor of New Jersey	583.88	Loader Repairs
Val-U Auto Parts	362.26	January Purchases
Vital Services Group	204.00	February 2016 Services
Atl. Co. Municipal Clerks' Assoc.	150.00	2016 Dues
Avaya, Inc.	237.70	Feb. Lease Installment
Atlantic City Electric	1,000.00	Installation of Lights/School
Blaney & Karavan, PC	255.00	Special Employment Matter
Bringing, Andrew	180.00	Snow Removal
DeMichele & DeMichele	1,333.34	Jan/Feb 2016 Services
Farm-Rite Inc.	11.84	Blade Guide
Interstate Battery	725.70	Batteries
Kelly Winthrop	49.00	Service 1/11/16
Treasurer, State of NJ	42.00	2016 Welding Permit
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Serv.	1.20	January State Dog Fees
Vermeer North Atlantic	105.79	Chipper Parts

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Current Fund 5-01	5,930.70
Current Fund 6-01	20,229.09
Trust Fund T-03	1,106.99
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	27,266.78

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